

## 13:53–16:12 Jesus' Ministry in Galilee and the Surrounding Areas

### 13:53–58 Rejection in Nazareth

<sup>53</sup>When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place. <sup>54</sup>He came to his hometown and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? <sup>55</sup>Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? <sup>56</sup>And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?" <sup>57</sup>And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor except in their own country and in their own house." <sup>58</sup>And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

### 14:1–12 John the Baptist Is Beheaded

14:1 At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus; <sup>2</sup>and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>3</sup>For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, <sup>4</sup>because John had been telling him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." <sup>5</sup>Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet. <sup>6</sup>But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod <sup>7</sup>so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask. <sup>8</sup>Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." <sup>9</sup>The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; <sup>10</sup>he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. <sup>11</sup>The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother. <sup>12</sup>His disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went and told Jesus.

### 14:13–21 Feeding (More than) the Five Thousand

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking

the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

#### 14:22–36 Jesus Walks On Water

<sup>22</sup>Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” <sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

<sup>34</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. <sup>35</sup>After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, <sup>36</sup>and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

#### 15:1–20 Tradition of the Elders

15:1 Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, <sup>2</sup>“Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands before they eat.” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? <sup>4</sup>For God said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>5</sup>But you say that whoever tells father or mother, ‘Whatever support you might have had from me is given to God,’ then that person need not honor the father. <sup>6</sup>So, for the sake of your tradition, you make void the word of God. <sup>7</sup>You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said: <sup>8</sup>‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>9</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’”

<sup>10</sup>Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” <sup>13</sup>He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” <sup>16</sup>Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

#### 15:21–28 The Canaanite Woman

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

#### 15:29–31 Jesus Heals

<sup>29</sup>After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. <sup>30</sup>Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them, <sup>31</sup>so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

#### 15:32–39 Feeding (More Than) Four Thousand

<sup>32</sup>Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.” <sup>33</sup>The disciples said to him, “Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus asked them, “How many loaves have you?” They said, “Seven, and a few small fish.” <sup>35</sup>Then ordering the crowd to sit down

on the ground, <sup>36</sup>he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>37</sup>And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. <sup>38</sup>Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children. <sup>39</sup>After sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

#### 16:1-4 Demand for a Sign

16:1 The Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test Jesus they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. <sup>2</sup>He answered them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.’ <sup>3</sup>And in the morning, ‘It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. <sup>4</sup>An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.” Then he left them and went away.

#### 16:5-12 Yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees

<sup>5</sup>When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread. <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to them, “Watch out, and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” <sup>7</sup>They said to one another, “It is because we have brought no bread.” <sup>8</sup>And becoming aware of it, Jesus said, “You of little faith, why are you talking about having no bread? <sup>9</sup>Do you still not perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? <sup>10</sup>Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? <sup>11</sup>How could you fail to perceive that I was not speaking about bread? Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees!” <sup>12</sup>Then they understood that he had not told them to beware of the yeast of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.